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LOK SABHA

The following Bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha on 4th May, 1956:—

BILL NO. 16 OF 1956

A Bill further to amend the Factories Act, 1948

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Factories (Amendment) Act, 19

Short title
and com-
mencement

5 (2) It shall come into force at once.

LXIII of 1948. 2. In section 51 of the Factories Act, 1948 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), for the words "forty-eight hours" the words "forty-four hours" shall be substituted.

Amendment
of section
51.

3. In section 54 of the principal Act, for the words "nine hours" to the words "eight hours" shall be substituted.

Amendment
of section
54.

4. In sub-section (1) of section 59 of the principal Act,—

Amendment
of section
59.

(i) for the words "nine hours" the words "eight hours" shall be substituted; and

15 (ii) for the words "forty-eight hours" the words "forty-four hours" shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

In most of the advanced countries, the hours of work for industrial workers have been reduced from 48 hours to 44 hours and even less. The workers in those countries are now demanding a 40-hour week. This demand arises primarily because of the intensification of work that has recently been introduced in almost all industries causing excessive exertion.

This Amendment to the Factories Act, 1948 seeks to reduce the hours of work from 48 hours to 44 hours a week in all factories.

T. B. VITTAL RAO.

NEW DELHI;
The 15th February, 1958.

M. N. KAUL,
Secretary.